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To: David Gladfelter
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Re: N.J. Mar 25, 1776 issue

From: Eric & Evelyn Newman

Thank you for your 8/28/00 letter which stirred up an old problem in need of a solution. I struggled with it long ago and need your help. It will now require you to do much more work and solve the difficulty,

1. We would need loads of serial numbers and that is too frustrating for me. Maybe you would enjoy doing it.
2. I have never seen a whole sheet or a full half sheet as I recall. I have seen only portions of sheets and I have one with 4 or 5 notes on it. I'll check this when I go to the bank. (see the cover on my 4th edition)
3. It would be impractical to print 1 shilling plate C one at a time, one impression in red and one in black.
4. There is nothing wrong with printing an unequal number of notes of each plate letter of a denomination because the total of that denomination is all that is or was important. The only reason plate letters were used was for printing convenience.
5. I could be wrong in ~~the~~ the number of notes on a sheet. It could possibly be 10 faces & 10 backs on a plate with two columns of 5 faces. Try a new calculation on this basis. The paper was probably the same size (mica flakes) of Continental Bills which had 8 faces and 8 backs on a full sheet and were a bit ~~the~~ higher but not as wide.
6. If there were 12 faces and 12 backs on a sheet then I would be practical in make up to use only 6 faces and 6 backs for part of the printing, because the paper could be cut in half and not wasted. That would make easier shifting 2 notes to print the proper amount.

7. A total of 306,250 notes of the red and black notes totalling 1,750,000 shillings would be £ 87,500.
8. The £ 3 and £ 6 notes being special colors would have to be printed in a separate run or runs. This is 9,375 pieces for £ 37,500.
9. There is always a small overrun by a printer to take care of spoilage. - The fact that the number of notes cannot be divided by three (A, B + C plates) is not important for that reason. A few can always be thrown away or retained for signing foul ups etc.

You see what you got into —
now you will have ~~fun~~ more fun.
Research is a delight.

—Hine,